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Federal Communications Commission
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I wanted to offer my support for the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile USA, which I believe would be beneficial for my constituents, and others living in smaller communities across the country.

The time is right for this type of effort, which would increase coverage of AT&T's high-speed mobile broadband to over 97 percent of Americans if approved. The proposed merger of these two providers is likely to be most beneficial to districts like mine, which contain a mix of metro and rural communities. Unlike most urban areas, LTE coverage in rural America is not consistent, putting them at a disadvantage when it comes to business and educational opportunities.

Support for this measure would ensure that residents in more remote communities would enjoy the same access to high-speed wireless Internet and quality cell service as those living in metropolitan areas. This could go a long way in new business recruitment and job creation, not to mention improved quality of life.

I encourage you to join me in supporting this merger.

Sincerely,

Representative Kathleen Bernier
68th Assembly District
Wisconsin

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